

HELD ON CHARGE OF INCENDIARISM

Prominent Residents of Elizabeth City Defendants in Sensational Trial.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., January 14.—The most sensational trial which has taken place in this city in years was held today in the justice's court, in which L. L. Hooper and Mrs. Mary W. Gray, both residents of this city, were both over to Superior Court in bonds of \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively, on a charge of setting fire to and burning the dwelling house of Mrs. Jennie Walker, at the corner of Pearing and Perse Streets, Wednesday morning, the house being tenanted by Mr. and Mrs. Gray.

A warrant was sworn out Wednesday night by Judge Ward for Hooper, and later Mrs. Gray was held in an accessory, sufficient information having been furnished the judge to justify the step.

The case came up this morning before Justice Sawyer. The court room was crowded to its utmost capacity by interested spectators, and the greatest excitement prevailed. Attorney E. F. Aydtet appeared for the defendants, who were accompanied by a number of relatives and friends.

Witnesses Identified Them.

The State's first and principal witness was Miles Jennings, who resides opposite the Gray home.

He testified to having seen a man and woman before the fire going in and out of the house, and immediately after the parties left the house the fire broke out. The appearance and dress of the people led him to identify Hooper and Mrs. Gray.

Jennings's wife, who was in an adjoining room looking out of a window, corroborated her husband's testimony. They both saw the couple go to the woodhouse just before leaving the premises.

Chief of the Fire Department Raper testified that when the department reached the house they found the door unlocked; also, on entering, they found a quilt partially burned and an oil can within a few feet from where the fire occurred. The chief inquired as to who resided in the house, and was told "Mrs. Gray." He went through the house and found the door unlocked, beds stripped of covering, trunks empty, with the exception of a few of Mrs. Gray's garments. After going in search of Mrs. Gray, Chief Raper found her walking on Pearing Street and joined her, notifying her of the fire. As the horse wagon was leaving the scene, where the chief was conversing with Mrs. Gray, E. F. Pritchard saw Hooper going west on Main Street not more than 100 feet from where Raper joined Mrs. Gray. The witness could not state where Hooper came from. Other State witnesses practically corroborated this testimony, and the State rested.

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evidence of the work of the chamber is seen in the building of a number of handsome residences at Park Heights, east of Central Park, the improvement of that property, with the result that others have built homes in that section. The chamber's active work and influence has created a greater spirit of enterprise and local pride among the business men of the city, and has caused the city to be identified with the broad commercial and industrial movements of the country. President Davis concludes his admirable report with the statement that "The South is the field of future development and wealth, but one of the greatest needs for rapid advancement is loyalty and enthusiasm in regard to the great possessions of our section of America. So far as Petersburg is concerned, its chances are even with those of the great majority of our Southern cities, and with the support of all our business interests and business and commercial organizations working in harmony, the city can work out a greater and richer Petersburg, and can do it quickly."

Robbery in Prince George.

It was reported to police headquarters today that a wagon and harness were stolen last night from the farm of Mr. William Perkins, in Prince George county, and that from Mr. Lane, another farmer in the vicinity, a horse had been stolen. It is supposed the horse was used in hauling the stolen wagon away.

A warrant was issued this afternoon for the arrest of Mr. Sidney Robertson, a well-known young man, charging him with assaulting his father, Mr. Stanhope Robertson, at the latter's home on Washington Street. The latter is confined to his home from the effects of the assault.

The Board of Health has ordered a general vaccination in the city to be done by the three city physicians and other doctors who may be employed for the purpose. The vaccination will be compulsory whenever needed, and the city will bear the expense.

Talk of Another Bank.

The feasibility of the establishment of a bank in the western section of the city is being discussed by the people in that portion of the town. It is claimed that the necessary capital can be raised, and that a bank there would prove a great accommodation and convenience of the people of that growing section.

Rev. Dr. E. H. Rawlings, secretary of the Mission Board, Methodist Episcopal Church, next Sunday night.

The Petersburg Eagles, who visited their Manchester brethren at night, returned home about 11 o'clock, this morning, delighted with the hospitality shown them.

Mr. J. Knox Pannill and bride are in New York, and will return home early next week.

An effort is being made by Messrs. Murphy and Behrman to purchase a State League franchise for Petersburg. If successful they promise a fast team for the city.

Officers Installed.

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FALLS CHURCH, VA., January 14.—At the last meeting of Falls Church Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F., the following were installed as officers for the term ending June 30, 1909: Harry A. Fellows, noble grand; Bedford M. Dowling, vice-grand; Thomas M. Dowling, secretary; George J. Rinker, treasurer; J. D. Payne, chaplain; Walter Mabin, warden; W. W. Caton, inner guardian; A. J. Potter, outside guardian; J. H. Marr, conductor; T. S. Luckett, sitting past grand; E. I. Crump, right supporter to noble grand; H. C. Ryer, left supporter to noble grand; J. R. Royston, right supporter to vice-grand.

The ceremonies were conducted by District Deputy Grand Master George W. Hawhurst, assisted by the installing staff of the district.

Tuesday night the district deputy, with his staff, visited Sarepta Lodge, of Alexandria, and Friday night Potomac Lodge, of that city, and installed the officers of these two lodges. Potomac Lodge has a membership of 199; Falls Church, 124, and Sarepta, 198.

Politics Taking Shape.

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SPOTSYLVANIA, VA., January 14.—Political feeling as to the candidate to represent Spotsylvania county and Fredericksburg in the next House of Delegates is assuming shape very rapidly. Mr. C. Richelleu Coleman is a candidate from the county, and Fredericksburg having had the delegate for two terms past, the county now claims that the candidate should be chosen from the county. Mr. Coleman is a large property owner. He leads largely in the county, and has a strong following also in Fredericksburg. The county is largely Democratic, but Mr. C. O'Connor, Goldrick, the incumbent, was beaten in the county in 1907 by Mr. James R. Evans, the Independent Republican candidate. Mr. Goldrick said in the last canvass he would not be a candidate at this election.

House Is Destroyed.

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FALLS CHURCH, VA., January 14.—The house occupied by Mr. Ellis, at Fostoria, near here, was totally destroyed by fire Wednesday, with all the furniture, the family barely escaping.

School Nearly Completed.

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA., January 14.—The new \$40,000 public school building for Fredericksburg is nearing completion. The time limit for completing the building is February 15th, and the contractor, E. G. Hefflin, feels confident that he will have it finished by that time.

Charter Issued.

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RALEIGH, N. C., January 14.—New charters were issued today to the Raleigh Mercantile Company, authorized capital \$10,000, to begin business with \$5,000; principal incorporator, J. B. Robeson, of Raleigh.

Mooreville Enterprise Company, authorized capital \$25,000, to begin business with \$12,500; J. B. Robeson, of Goldsboro, Produce Company, wholesale and retail, authorized capital \$50,000, which may be increased to \$100,000, to begin business with \$25,000; W. Leary of Washington, N. C.

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Mill Is Sold.

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SALISBURY, N. C., January 14.—The Salisbury Roller Mill, a large flouring mill in the city, has been purchased by Overman & Co., wholesale grocers of this city, who will operate on a lease basis. The mill was formerly under the management of Mr. Sam T. Dorsett, who has sold his interest, and will spend the winter in Cuba.

PRESS OPINIONS ON THE CURABILITY OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE AND DIABETES.

"From recent developments in San Francisco and from confirming facts in this city it is evident that not only relief, but a permanent cure, of both these dreaded diseases can now be effected."—Kansas City Daily Journal.

"Representative of the News has just returned from San Francisco, and comes back fully convinced."—Chattanooga Daily News.

"The history will record this decade as marking the first definite control of Bright's Disease and Diabetes, and the name of the obscure physician who will be indelibly connected with it."—Overland Monthly Magazine.

"That chronic Bright's Disease and Diabetes, deemed a fatal world over, are now cured by the compounds discovered in San Francisco by Fulton is being established here as well as in California."—Buffalo Day Times.

"Many chronic physicians, using the new diuretic, but the fact that medical ethics prevent them from proclaiming the discovery to the world because the formula is a para-soluble of individuals in this instance practically amounts to a public calamity."—Town and Country Magazine, San Jose.

"My own deliberate opinion is that a perfect cure for Bright's Disease and Diabetes has been at last discovered. I believe it to be the duty of every lover of his kind to spread the new discovery, and thus help save from death some of the thousands who yearly perish from these diseases."—Rev. S. J. Urmey, in the California.

"The Rev. Urmey was named by the Christian Advocate, to investigate these Compounds. After a week of careful investigation, he wrote the above to the Advocate." "There is in this city a remedy for Diabetes and Bright's Disease which has put several of our dying fellow-citizens on their feet. Its virtues are written above to the Advocate, and no fair-minded man."

"I am a sufferer from Bright's Disease, and I have tried every remedy known to me, but I have not been able to get any relief. I have heard of the compounds, and I have tried them, and I have found them to be a perfect cure for my disease."—London Daily Advertiser.

"The above is from an editorial on medical progress in the London Advertiser, and it is a fact that the compounds have cured many of our dying fellow-citizens."—London Daily Advertiser.

"The above brings to mind the case of J. H. G. of this city, and it is a fact that the compounds have cured many of our dying fellow-citizens."—London Daily Advertiser.

"It is amazing that in this intelligent age there should be an almost certain specific for Bright's Disease and Diabetes."—Eureka (Cal.) Daily Times.

"Let it be recorded that these diseases, with care and proper treatment, yield almost to a certainty in any and all cases, and the editor of this publication, and I speak by the card, I had Diabetes myself."—Pacific Coast Architectural Journal.

"If the question of the curability of chronic Bright's Disease was on trial in the Superior Court hundreds of citizens of this city, including capitalists, prominent business men, and men of letters, would come forward to testify to their recoveries, and among them would be the editor of this publication."—San Francisco Wine and Spirit Review.

"The publisher knows of two cases in which permanent cures have been effected, and of two others who had abandoned hope and are now regaining their health. This statement is made solely with a view of aiding such people as may be affected with Bright's Disease, and have despaired of recovery."—Livermore (Cal.) Herald.

"I feel that I am in duty bound to let your readers know of this thing. I can do so to help my fellow-man. I do not know the party who puts up these compounds, neither do I know anybody connected with the institution. I do know the human family."—Malt Harris, Vice-President Van Arsdale-Harris Lumber Co., of San Francisco, in American Lumberman, of Chicago.

"This is not too good to be true. The cure is a fact. We sent for the compounds and have them in stock. They have held their ground, and have cured Bright's Disease and one for Diabetes. Full literature on application."—OWENS & MINOR, RICHMOND, VA.

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MAY REORGANIZE PENSION SYSTEM

Bill Introduced to Give Uniform Amount of Eight Dollars a Month.

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